grounds. Keeping this in view, it has been decided to restrict local area of a telephole system to 5 Kms. radial distance form the exchange or upto Municipality/ Corporation boundary.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The existing manual exchange is proposed to be replaced by 500 lines electronic exchange during 1989-90.

**Bakreshwar Thermal Project**

1953. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided not to pass on the 70 per cent Soviet credit to West Bengal Government for the implementation of the Bakreshwar Thermal Project, in the State sector; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) At present, government-to-government external credits are being utilized for the implementation of power projects in the Central Sector. The position was explained to the Government of West Bengal who have indicated that the Bakreshwar project would be executed by them in the State Sector.

**Bakreshwar Thermal Power project**

1954. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference of opinion between the Central Government and the West Bengal Government over the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project;

(b) if so, whether the same has since been resolved; and

(c) what is Central Governent's policy for international financing of power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The State Governments can obtain loan assistance from multilateral funding agencies, including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Bilateral, external credits are, at present, being utilized for the implementation of power projects in the Central Sector.

This position was explained to the Government of West Bengal who have indicated that the Gakreshwar thermal power project would be implemented by them in the State Sector.

**Development of Telecom service in Andhra Pradesh**

1955. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the programmes pertaining to developments in Telecom services in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1987-88 and so far in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The details of achievements during the year